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## HARDING WILL AID HOSPITAL BENEFIT

President to Attend Game  
and Autograph Two Auc-  
tioned Balls.

President Harding will attend the Washington-Chicago base ball game to be played next Monday, the receipts from which will be turned over to the Children's Hospital, according to announcement made by Caleb O'Connor at a meeting of the Lions Club in the New Willard Hotel yesterday afternoon.

The game is being fostered by the Lions membership, which is endeavoring to dispose of 50,000 tickets. Gratifying reports regarding the sale were made by many members of the club, and it was predicted that the allotment taken by the organization will be sold.

**Marine Band to Play.**  
The United States Marine Band will be in attendance and two autographed balls will be auctioned to the highest bidder. One of these will bear the names of the world champion New York Giants, together with that of President Harding. It was presented to Chester V. Hansen of Tacoma, Wash., by the players, for his five-year-old son, Robert Lawrence Hansen. The latter being desirous of helping the cause sponsored by the Lions turned it over to the club to be sold at auction.

The second "sphere" will bear the names of Ty Cobb, Walter Johnson, Clark Grifith and many other well known players. This, too, will be autographed by the President.

**Schick Heads Club.**  
At the annual election of officers, held in the hotel last night, the following were chosen to serve for the ensuing year: James F. Schick, president; Roger J. Whiteford, first vice president; Virgil F. Bourne, second vice president; William L. Harrison, secretary; and David J. Barry, treasurer.

The board of directors elected were George A. Lewis, W. C. Miller, William A. Craig, W. L. Creecy, E. T. Goodman, Charles W. Darr, Fred Walker, Dr. E. A. Merritt and Dr. George T. Sharp.

S. Russell Bowen, vice president of the Washington Railway and Electric Company, and Rev. George F. Dudley, pastor of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, were delegated to represent the organization at the Atlantic City convention, which starts tomorrow.

### AMERICA CRITICIZED FOR STAND ON GENOA

English Speaker Before Rotary  
Club Attributes Position of  
U. S. to "Oversight."

Criticizing the hands-off policy America is displaying toward the Genoa conference, which he said was considered an oversight by the people of Europe, Rev. Dennis Cooper of South End-on-Sea, London, addressed the members of the Rotary Club at their meeting held at the Columbia Country Club yesterday afternoon.

Dr. Cooper, who is in Washington as a British delegate to the Chamber of Commerce of the United States convention, said that Britain's impression of the United States is that of a country which closely looks after its own interests, and commented on what he regards as an oversight by the largest creditor nation of the world in not being present at the Genoa conference.

It was due to the congested condition at the New Willard Hotel that the club was forced to transfer its meeting to the country to the country. Many delegates to the Chamber of Commerce convention were guests of the club. Men from Maine to California responded to the customary roll call. William Knowles Cooper, president, was in the chair and personally introduced the guests. In conformity with the daylight-saving plan, the club voted to advance the hour for its luncheon from 12:30 to 12 o'clock. Meetings will be held at the new City Club in the future.

### RUSSIA DECIDES ON PACTS WITH OTHER POWERS

Joffe Declares Burial of Entente  
Chief Genoa Re-  
sult.

**MOSCOW, May 17.**—After receiving the report of M. Joffe, one of the Russian delegation at Genoa, who has just returned here, the Russian executive committee resolved that Russia shall make agreements in the future with other countries on the basis of the Rapallo agreement with Germany.

M. Joffe declared that the chief result of the Genoa conference was "the burial of the entente," as France was now to be isolated. "We wanted a billion-dollar loan," continued Joffe, "but Lloyd George said there would be no state loan, that only private loans were possible. We decided not to sign any agreements which we could not or would not like to fulfill."

### BRAZIL TRADE CONDITIONS

Recent Improvement Not Reflected  
in New Statistics.

Improvement in the Brazilian economic situation is of too recent development to be as yet reflected in trade statistics, Consul General Gaulin declared today in a report to the Commerce Department on exports from Rio de Janeiro. For the first quarter of 1922, the exports amounted to \$2,244,000, or about half the amount for the same period last year.

The chief factor in this decline, he explained, was the shipment of coffee, which fell from \$5,243,948 pounds, valued at \$2,405,859 in 1921, to 18,282,288 pounds valued at \$1,646,735 in 1922. Cattle hide exports, he added, were valued at \$116,503, as compared with \$222,592 in 1921.



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## France Sent "Feeler" to U. S. On Hague Proposal, Report Says

French sources at Genoa, prior to issuance by the economic conference of an invitation to the United States to participate in The Hague meeting, sent a "feeler" to develop the American attitude toward said participation, it has been learned here.

The French proposal was of a general nature and fixed no time or place for the suggested economic commission to meet. The American reply crossed on the cables the formal invitation to The Hague meeting, and the result it was said evidently was that the American sympathetic attitude toward the original French suggestion was construed in some quarters abroad as indicating acceptance of the invitation to The Hague.

**American Reply Sympathetic.**  
The American reply, it was explained, was sympathetic in character, but was not an acceptance although apparently construed at Genoa as forecasting participation by the United States. This, it was said, was the only explanation that could be assigned in official quarters here to the confusion in European capitals which has followed American declaration of the formal invitation.

The rapidity with which events moved in this cable correspondence resulted in some confusion also in Washington as to just what was taking place at Genoa. It also made necessary, it was pointed out today, very prompt action in transmitting and making public the American refusal to join the proposed meeting at The Hague in order to clear up any

confusion that might exist at Genoa as to the American position on that specific proposal.

The French proposal, it is now known, merely sought to bring out the feeling of the United States toward a suggestion that in view of the complicated situation developed at Genoa a commission of experts in economic matters be appointed by the various powers to consider the Russian economic problem in the hope of finding some solution of the difficulties in that country and aiding Russia to a restoration of productivity. This communication was construed in Washington as having been sent by the French delegation at the instance of the Genoa conference, although it did not show on its face that it was the result of conference action.

**Answer Carefully Framed.**  
The general terms of the French suggestion, which confined the proposed inquiry to purely economic matters, was viewed here as having possible value, and, while the American reply was careful not to commit the United States to an acceptance in advance of a consideration of the specific mission to be assigned to any international commission of experts that might be created, it did clearly indicate a sympathetic feeling toward the project on the part of the Washington government.

When the formal invitation to The Hague economic commission came on the heels of the French proposal an examination of the summary of the purposes and restrictions to be imposed upon that commission disclosed that in the American view it

was merely a transfer of the Genoa conference under another name to The Hague. The decision not to accept was reached promptly and, in order to offset misapprehension abroad as to the American attitude, the answer declining to participate was sent back immediately and made public as soon as it could be certain that Ambassador Child, at Genoa, had received and delivered it.

**CAPT. COWAN'S ORDERS.**  
Capt. Egbert W. V. Cowan, Dental Corps, at Walter Reed General Hospital, this city, has been assigned to temporary duty at Camp Meade, Md., and will take permanent station at Fort Monroe, Va.

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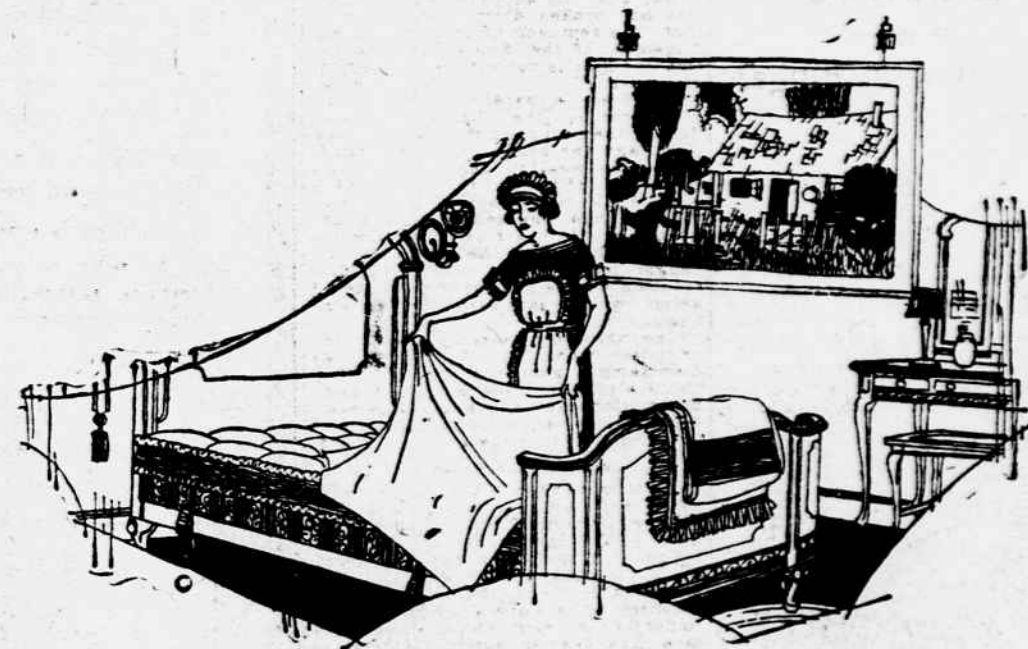
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